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(WITH APPENDICES)

OF THE

INSPECTOR FOR IRELAND

UNDER

THE INEBRIATES ACTS, 1879 TO 1900,

For the Year 1905.

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DUBLIN CASTLE,

18th August, 1906.

No. 18249

SIR,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th instant, forwarding, for submission to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, the Second Report (with Appendices) of the Inspector for Ireland under the Inebriates Acts, 1879 to 1900, for the year 1905.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. P. MACDONNELL.

Sir G. P. O'Farrell,

Office of Inspectors of Lunatics,

Dublin Castle.

INEBRIATE RETREATS, IRELAND.

Report for the year 1905 on the Retreat established
under the Inebriates Acts, 1879-1900.

DUBLIN CASTLE,

16th August, 1906.

To

HIS EXCELLENCY JOHN CAMPBELL, EARL OF ABERDEEN.

LORD LIEUTENANT-GENERAL AND GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

I HAVE the honour to submit this, my Second Annual Report, in pursuance of the provisions of the Habitual Drunkards Act, 1879 (42 & 43 Vic., cap. 19), Section 16, and the Inebriates Act, 1898 (61 & 62 Vic., cap. 60), Section 26 (c), on the only Inebriate Retreat established in this country up to the present, viz.:—"The Lodge Inebriate Retreat, Sydenham Avenue, Strandtown, Belfast."

In my last Report, I explained the origin of this institution, and gave a description of the building and other details.

The licence having expired in 1905, was duly renewed on the 3rd April, for twenty-four calendar months, in the name of the Matron—Miss Rachel Clarke.

During the year, Regulations and Orders for the domestic arrangements of the Retreat, and the management and treatment of the inmates, were drawn up, and duly approved by Your Excellency.

At the beginning of 1905 there were 11 patients resident, and during the year there were 15 admissions (including one re-admission), and 14 discharges—leaving 12 resident in the institution on the 31st December last.

The patient who was re-admitted, at the expiration of her period of detention elected to remain for a further period, and therefore signed the necessary application for her retention.

During the year, I paid three visits to the institution, at each of which I found all the rooms clean, well kept, and comfortably heated; the majority of the patients usefully employed; and all parts of the house in good order.

No complaints were made, but, as usual, some of the patients asked to be discharged before the expiration of the period for which they had undertaken to remain.

In three cases patients were discharged on a Magistrate's Order, before the expiration of their term—two of these owing to illness, and the third in consequence of her home being broken up, which necessitated her going to reside in England.

My opinion as to the good work which is being done by the institution is strengthened as time goes on, and the extract from the Report of the Committee of Management for 1904-5, which is given in Appendix C., shows how, even already, the good effects of the treatment it affords are being manifested.

I would, therefore, again express the hope that other similar institutions for males as well as females may, at no distant date, be established in this country.

In conclusion, I think it is only right to refer to the great efforts of the Irish Women's Temperance Union in the cause of temperance, and I cannot speak too highly of the untiring interest in the institution and devotion to the welfare of the patients which are manifested by the Honorary Secretary, Mrs. M'Alery, and the Managing Committee.

On my periodic visits of inspection, I have always found the Matron and the Hon. Secretary willing to adopt any suggestions I deemed it necessary to make.

Particulars relating to the Retreat and its inmates are given in Tabular Form in the Appendices.

I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

GEO. PLUNKETT O'FARRELL, M.D. (Knt.).

APPENDIX A.

TABLE I.

Particulars of Retreat, and Patients admitted thereto, during each Year since 1903.

Year.	Number of Rooms Licensed.	Number of Beds available for Patients under the Act.	Number of Patients admitted under the Act.			Number of Patients admitted privately (not under the Act).			Total number of Patients treated in Licensed Institution.
			M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	
1903	1	14*	—	6	6	—	—	—	6
1904	1	14*	—	19	19	—	—	—	19
1905	1	14	—	15	15	—	—	—	15

* Licensed for 15.

TABLE II.

Particulars of Retreat under License, and Patients admitted thereto, during the Year 1905.

Name and address.	Name of Licensee.	Date of License or Renewal of License.	Patients under the Act.						Total necessary drugs provided under the Act and otherwise.	
			Number for which licensed.	Sex.	Number commencing on 31st December, 1904.	Number admitted during the year 1905.	Number discharged during the year 1905.	Deaths during the year 1905.		Number remaining on 31st December, 1905.
The Lodge, Sydenham Avenue, Brompton, Belfast.	Miss Rachel Clarke.	3rd April, 1905.	14	Female.	11	15	14	-	12	14

TABLE III.

Containing further Details concerning existing Retreat.

NAME OF BUILDING.	Weekly Fees charged.	Any Free Patients admitted.	Whether Objections are enforced by Regulations, or only "recommended."	Special Class for which provision is made.	Whether open for admission of Private Patients in addition to Patients under the Act.	Minimum period for which Patients are admitted.
The Lodge, Sydenham Avenue, Belfast.	6s. to £2 2s.	None.	Enforced by Regulations.	"Better" and Working Classes.	Patients under the Act only.	6 months.

TABLE IV.

Number of "Private Patients" admitted to Licensed Retreat during the Year 1905.

NAME OF RETREAT.	Number under Treatment and December 1904.	Number Admitted during the year 1905.	Number Discharged during the year 1905.	Deaths during the year 1905.	Number Remaining at December, 1905.	Average Term of Residence of all Private Patients.
The Lodge, Sydenham Avenue, Belfast.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.	NIL.

TABLE V.

Showing an Analysis of the Periods for which Patients entered Retreat under the Acts.

Year.	2 Years.	21 Months.	18 Months.	15 Months.	12 Months.	10 Months.	8 Months.	6 Months.	6 Months.	6 Months.	3 Months and less.	Total.
1903, . . .	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	3	—	—	*1	6
1904, . . .	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	16	—	—	—	19
1905, . . .	1	—	—	—	7	—	—	7	—	—	—	15

* Exceptional case.

TABLE VI.

Particulars concerning Patients under the Acts Discharged from Retreat during the Year 1905.

Year.	How Discharged.	Remarks.	Number.	Total.
1905, . . .	Efflux of Time, . . .	—	—	11
	Under Section 18, . . .	(By order of the Lord Lieutenant),	—	—
	Do., 18, . . .	(By order of a Judge in Chambers),	—	—
	Do., 12, . . .	(By order of a Justice on the request of the Licensee of the Retreat).	—	—
		Ill-health rendering further detention inadvisable.	2	—
		Urgent private affairs requiring patient's presence elsewhere.	1	3
		Total Discharged, . . .	—	16

APPENDIX B.

INEBRIATES ACTS, 1879 TO 1899 (RULES FOR RETREATS) (IRELAND).

COPY OF RULES FOR RETREATS LICENSED UNDER THE INEBRIATES ACTS, 1879 TO 1899,
DATED 3RD FEBRUARY, 1903, APPROVED BY THE LORD LIEUTENANT.

THE INEBRIATES ACTS, 1879 TO 1899.

RULES FOR RETREATS IN IRELAND LICENSED UNDER THE ABOVE ACTS.

Application for Licence.

1. Before application is made to a local authority by any person or persons desirous of obtaining a licence to conduct a retreat under the Inebriates Acts, the following particulars with respect to the proposed institution shall be previously submitted to the Lord Lieutenant for approval—

- (1.) The name proposed for the retreat.
- (2.) The names of persons applying for a licence.
- (3.) A description and plan of the site.
- (4.) Plans of building, showing area, height, and arrangement of rooms, the external offices and conveniences attached to the buildings, and all necessary details as to safe custody, water supply and baths, fire escapes, drainage, ventilation and sanitary arrangements.

The plans must exhibit—

- (a.) Adequate bedrooms or dormitory accommodation, day rooms and proper provision for the employment of inmates. Dormitories should show 600 cubic feet of air space per head, and separate bedrooms at least 120 cubic feet, but no calculation for height of room is to exceed 12 feet, and in each case conditions must exist for efficient ventilation.
- (b.) Separate and suitable rooms or rooms to be used, in case of necessity, for the treatment of cases of illness.

Furnish.

2. The forms numbered I. to VI. in the Appendix A hereto shall be used for the purpose set out in the headings thereof, and in lieu of the forms set out in the Second Schedule of the Act of 1879. Forms VII. and VIII. are for the use of licensees making application to Justices for "Discharge" or "Leave of Absence" in the case of patients detained under the Acts, and in accordance with sections 12 and 19 respectively of the Act of 1879.

Plans.

3. The plan or plans submitted to the Justices according to the Form No. 1 of Appendix A shall be hung up in some conspicuous place in the retreat.

On the plan or plans the rooms to be appropriated to the use of inebriates, hereafter termed "patients," shall be distinguished from those used by the licensee and his family.

Superintendent and Deputy.

4. The resident licensee of a retreat shall, whenever possible, be a registered medical man. He may from time to time appoint a Deputy, who shall be a person approved by the Officer (hereinafter called the Inspector) assigned by the Lord Lieutenant to act as Inspector, to assist him in the execution of his duties and in the general management of the retreat.

The local authority granting a licence for a retreat may give consent to the appointment of such Deputy as a permanent officer, so that he may at any time be ready to act during the temporary absence of the licensee in accordance with the conditions of section 3 of the Inebriates Act, 1888.

Books.

5. The licensee of the retreat shall provide and keep the following books, namely:—

- (a.) The "Register of Admissions and Discharges."
- (b.) The "Case Book," in which the medical attendant, or the licensee, if acting as medical attendant, shall enter the name, sex, and previous occupation of every patient admitted into the retreat, and other particulars.

Subsequent entries shall be made in the Case Book recording the progress of each case, and also all bodily ailments, injuries, or accidents happening to the patients; the medicines and alcoholic stimulants (if any) administered; and the special treatment adopted for the cure of the patient, with the result. Such entries shall be made monthly or oftener.

The licensee shall take such steps as are reasonably practicable to learn the history of his patients after they have been licensed or discharged, and the information thus procured shall be entered in the Case Book in the words "Doing well," "Improved," "Not improved," "Not heard of," "Tranquil," or "Dead," as the case may be, together with any particulars of interest that may have been ascertained.

The "Register" and "Case Book" shall respectively be in the forms, and contain entries of the particulars, given and indicated in the Appendices B and C hereto annexed.

- (c.) A "Licensee's Journal," in which shall be entered, under date, particulars of all matters of importance occurring in the retreat, noting therein all instances of infraction of discipline or offences by patients, servants, or persons unconnected with the institution especially detailing all circumstances associated with the obtaining of liquor by patients, either by their own efforts or by aid of other persons, and the means taken to prevent recurrence. Should any physical restraint or coercion be employed, a full detail of the circumstances shall be at once entered in the journal. A note shall also be made at the commencement of every month stating the number of private patients accommodated in the retreat, in addition to those duly admitted "under the Acts."
- (d.) A "Visitor's Book," with which shall be bound up King's Printer's copies of the above Acts, which shall be for the use of the Inspector, and the Inspector shall enter therein such observations and report as he may think fit, and a copy of all such entries shall, within three days after the date thereof respectively, be transmitted by the licensee to the Lord Lieutenant by post.
- (e.) The licensee shall keep a list of all patients residing in his house, or who may be absent on license, together with the payments made by or for each of them.

Notices.

6. In addition to the notices required by the Acts, the licensee shall, immediately after the death or within two days of discharge of any patient in the retreat, send by post notice of such death or discharge to the Clerk of the Local Authority and to the Lord Lieutenant.

The licensee shall, within two clear days, send by letter to the Inspector notice of every license permitting a patient to be temporarily absent from the retreat, and such notice shall give the name and address of the person with whom the patient is to reside during such absence.

He shall also, immediately send notice by letter marked "Urgent" to the Inspector of every escape of a patient, and, on subsequent return, of the return of such patient to the retreat, stating whether or not a warrant was issued.

Admissions and Discharges.

7. Copies of admission forms sent to the Lord Lieutenant, in accordance with section 11 of the Act of 1879, must be accompanied with exact information of the date of entry of the patient to whom such admission forms apply, and in notifying the discharge of a patient from a retreat to the Lord Lieutenant, the licensee shall, in all cases, state the cause of such discharge.

In the event of discharge from any cause other than that of "efflux of time," the licensee shall, in notifying such discharge to the Lord Lieutenant, send detailed particulars of the circumstances that led to his application to a Justice of the Peace for an order under section 12 of the Act of 1879. Whenever possible, notice of an intended application for discharge of a patient, duly signed by the licensee of the retreat, shall be sent, at least seven days before such application is made, to the Inspector, to the person by whom the last payment for the patient was made, and to one at least of the persons who signed the Statutory Declaration under which the patient was admitted to the retreat.

When a licensee receives notice that application is about to be made to procure the discharge of a patient under section 18 of the Act of 1879, he should furnish the Lord Lieutenant with an immediate report of any circumstances which he considers should properly be laid before the Judge, but which are likely to remain undisclosed unless he intervenes.

Inspection.

8. All parts of the retreat shall at all times be open to the Inspector, and shall be shown to him at his visitation, and every patient detained in the retreat shall be produced to him. The licensee shall give full and true information to the Inspector in reply to such inquiries as he may deem necessary, and lay before him all books, registers, lists, and documents by the Acts or hereby required to be kept, and at all times furnish him with copies of any entries which he may require.

The licensee and the medical attendant respectively shall, whenever required by the Inspector, furnish him with a special report upon the mental and bodily condition and conduct with reference to abstinence from intoxicating liquor, or otherwise, of any patients on the register of the retreat. The Inspector's annual report shall be a detailed and independent criticism of the working of each retreat during the year, and if the licensee neglects to provide facilities for employment, or allows the establishment to fall below a proper standard of discipline or efficiency the Inspector shall report to this effect to the Lord Lieutenant, who at his discretion will consider the advisability of communicating with the Licensing Authority.

Employment.

9. The licensee shall submit to the Lord Lieutenant, with the other rules of the establishment, details of the kind of work to be required of the patients, and of the amount which shall be regarded as a task required by health, and of any punishments proposed for idleness and refusal to comply with such rules.

Inebriates being or becoming insane.

10. If any patient admitted into or detained in the retreat, shall be found to be, or shall while in the retreat, become insane, the licensee shall immediately give notice thereof by letter marked "Urgent" to the Inspector, to the person by whom the last payment for such patient was made, and to one at least of the persons who signed the Statutory Declaration under section 10 of the Inebriates Act, 1879. He shall also, by giving notice to the relieving officer of the union or parish in which the retreat is situated, or by procuring an urgency order, take the necessary steps to the intent that the patient so being or becoming insane may forthwith be placed under proper care and control as a lunatic.

Separation of Sexes.

11. The licensee shall, in cases where patients of both sexes are received in a retreat, make due provision for the separation of the sexes at night, and at all but defined hours in the day-time.

Treatment.

12. The licensee shall give, when required by the Inspector, full information as to the medical or other curative treatment of the patient, but if the Inspector is dissatisfied with the methods adopted, the circumstances of each particular case shall be fully reported by him to the Lord Lieutenant, who, if he shall consider such course necessary, will make due representation to the Licensing Authority, directing their attention to the matter.

Visits of Friends.

13. Patients in a retreat may at all reasonable times be visited by their relatives and friends. Provided always, that if in any case the licensee shall think that the visit of any particular person or persons would at any particular time, or generally, be prejudicial to the patient proposed to be visited, or would be likely to hinder the cure of such patient, he may prohibit such visit.

In the case of a prohibited visit the licensee shall give his reasons for refusal, in writing, to the visitor, and an entry of such reasons shall be made in the "Journal," and a copy thereof sent to the Inspector within 24 hours.

The Inspector may at any time give an order, in writing under his hand, for the admission to any patient of any relative or friend of such patient of either sex (or of any medical practitioner or legal adviser, whom any such relative or friend of such patient shall desire to be admitted to the patient), and such order of admission may be for a single admission or for an admission for a limited number of times, or for admission generally at all reasonable times.

The licensee may, if he shall think fit, direct that interviews between patients and visitors of the opposite sex shall take place in the presence of an official or attendant of the retreat.

Patients' Letters.

14. The licensee shall deliver letters and parcels addressed to patients in his retreat, and shall post or forward all letters written by the patients of his retreat according to the intentions of the writers, except in cases in which he is authorized to open or detain them by Regulation approved by the Lord Lieutenant under Rule 18, post.

Provided always, that all letters written by a patient and addressed to the Lord Lieutenant, to any Judge of the High Court of Justice, to a County Court Judge, to the Local Authority or Clerk thereof, or to the Inspector, shall be forwarded unopened and without delay.

Public Houses.

15. A patient detained in a retreat shall not, without written permission from the licensee of the retreat, enter any public house or other house where intoxicating liquors are sold.

Intoxicating Liquors.

16. Without special written authority from the licensee or medical attendant of a retreat, no patient detained in a retreat shall take, have in his possession, administer to another patient similarly detained, or introduce into a retreat, any intoxicating liquor, or sedative, narcotic, or stimulant drug or preparation.

Prosecutions.

17. It shall be the duty of the Inspector to report to the Lord Lieutenant any serious offence against the provisions of these Acts, or these Rules, which may be brought to the notice of the Inspector, with a view to take such action in relation thereto as the Lord Lieutenant may direct.

Attendants.

18. Every attendant and servant shall be duly informed of the offences specified in the Acts and of the penalties attached to the commission thereof. They shall also be furnished with a copy of the "Regulations and Orders" authorized by the Lord Lieutenant, and it shall be the duty of the licensee to prosecute every attendant offending against the Acts or these Rules, and in case of conviction, to dismiss the offender from his service.

Regulations and Orders.

19. "Regulations and Orders" (not inconsistent with these Rules) for the domestic arrangements of the retreat and the management and treatment of the inmates thereof shall, within one month from the granting of the licence, be drawn up by the licensee, and by him be submitted to the Lord Lieutenant; and such "Regulations and Orders," when approved by the Lord Lieutenant, shall be adopted and strictly observed in the conduct of the establishment.

Approved—

DUDLEY,
Lord Lieutenant-General and General Governor
of Ireland.

Dublin Castle, 3rd February, 1903.

APPENDIX A.

FORM No. I.

Application for Licence of Retreat.

THE INFEBILITIES ACTS, 1879 TO 1892.

To the County (or Borough) Council [as the case may be].

I, the undersigned, hereby apply for a licence for the house described below, as a retreat for the reception of
male [or female, or male and female] persons, being inebriates within the meaning of the above-mentioned Acts, to be detained and treated as patients therein.

And I, the undersigned, undertake to reside in the house and give my personal attention to the management, care, employment, and treatment of the patients.

I also undertake to give two months' notice to the Council and the Lord Lieutenant if I shall determine to resign this licence or not to apply for its renewal.

I also undertake not to apply for a transfer of this licence without previous notice to the Lord Lieutenant.

(Signed) Name,
Address,
Description,

(Witness) Name,
Address,
Description,

House to be described with the following [among other] particulars; and a plan on a scale of not less than one-eighth of an inch to a foot to accompany the description, and be referred to therein:

- (a) Dimensions of every room.
- (b) Arrangements for separation of sexes.
- (c) Quantity and nature of land available for exercise and recreation or employment of patients.
- (d) Descriptions of work provided for patients, and arrangements made for directing and enforcing work.
- (e) Extent of Applicant's interest in the house.

RULES.

1. An application may include two or more houses belonging to the same person or persons, provided no one of the houses is separated from another or others of them otherwise than by land in the same occupation and by a road, or in either of those modes.

2. The application is to be made not less than thirty days before the meeting at which it is to be considered.

3. The Clerk of the Local Authority is to give notice of the application having been made, by advertisement published in a newspaper circulating in the district of the Local Authority six days at least before the meeting at which the matter will be considered.

FORM No. II.

Licence.

THE INFEBILITIES ACTS, 1879 TO 1892.

County [or Borough] of } This is to certify that in pursuance of the above-mentioned Acts the { County }
} Council of the County [or Borough] of { [Borough] }
} application of A.B., a copy of which application is informed on this licence, have licensed, and do hereby licence the said A.B. to use the house described in that application for the reception of
} persons, being inebriates, as follows: namely, male [or female,
or male and female] patients for calendar months from this date.

Dated this day of

(Signed)

Clerk of the Local Authority.

RURIA.

1. A fee of ten shillings is to be paid for the licence in addition to stamp duty and expenses referred to in section 14 of the Act of 1879.

2. The Clerk of the Local Authority, within ten days after a licence has been granted, is to give notice of the granting thereof by advertisement published in a newspaper circulating in the district of the Local Authority, and is to send a copy of the licence to the Lord Lieutenant.

Form No. III.

Request for Reception into Retreat.

THE INEBRIATES ACTS, 1879 to 1899.

To
I, the undersigned, hereby request you to receive me as a patient in your retreat at
in accordance with the above-mentioned
Acts, and I undertake to remain therein for
unless sooner duly discharged, and to conform to the regulations for the time being in force
in the retreat.

Signature of Applicant

The above-named
this application in my presence, and at the time of his [or her] so doing satisfied
myself that he [or she] was a person to whom the Inebriates Act, 1879, applies,
and I stated to him [or her] the effect of this application, and of his [or her]
reception into the retreat, and he [or she] appeared perfectly to understand the
same.

Dated this day of
Justice of the Peace for the County [or Borough] of

Applicant's Name in full,
Address,
Description,

Form No. IV.

Request for Retention in Retreat.

THE INEBRIATES ACTS, 1879 to 1899.

To
I, the undersigned, hereby request you to retain me as a patient in your retreat at
in accordance with the above-mentioned Acts, and I
undertake to remain therein for
at least, unless sooner duly discharged,
and to conform to the regulations for the time being in force in the retreat.

Signature of Applicant,

The above-named
this application in my presence, and at the time of his [or her] so doing I
stated to him [or her] the effect of this application and of his [or her] reception
into the retreat, and he [or she] appeared perfectly to understand the same. I
was [We were] also satisfied by the certificate of
[His Majesty's Inspector or Medical Witness], that the further detention is likely
to be of benefit to the patient.

Dated this day of
Justice of the Peace for the County [or Borough] of

Applicant's Name in full,
Address,
Description,

Form No. V.*

Request for Re-admission into Retreat.

THE INEBRIATES ACTS, 1879 to 1899.

To
I, the undersigned, hereby request you to re-admit me as a patient in your retreat at
in accordance with the above-mentioned
Acts, and I undertake to remain therein for
at least,
unless sooner duly discharged, and to conform to the regulations for the time being in force in
the retreat.

Signature of Applicant,

The above-named
this application in my presence, and at the time of his [or her] so doing I stated
to him [or her] the effect of this application, and of his [or her] reception into the
retreat, and he [or she] appeared perfectly to understand the same. I was [We
were] also satisfied by the certificate of
[His Majesty's Inspector or Medical Witness] that another period of detention is
likely to be of benefit to the patient.

Dated this day of
Justice of the Peace for the County [or Borough] of

Applicant's Name in full,
Address,
Description,

*This form must only be used when the applicant has been detained in a retreat under the Acts within the five years immediately preceding the date of the present application.

FORM No. VI.
Statutory Declaration in View of Admission,
THE INEBRIATES ACTS, 1879 TO 1899.

We, _____
severally, solemnly, and sincerely declare that
who is an applicant for admission into the
is an Inebriate within the meaning of the Inebriates Act, 1879,* and we severally make this
solemn declaration, conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the Statutory
Declarations Act, 1835.

Taken and declared severally at
in the County of _____
this _____ day of _____ 19____
Before me
(a.) J.P. for the County or Borough of _____
(b.) a Commissioner of Oaths

To be signed by two friends of the patient before a Magistrate or a Commissioner.

FORM No. VII.
THE INEBRIATES ACTS, 1879 TO 1899.

Discharge.

42 and 43 Vict., ch. 19, sect. 12.

I hereby, on the request in writing of
Licensee of the Retreat known as _____, grant discharge from
under the provisions of the above Acts to _____ for the
following seasons:—

Dated this _____ day of _____, at _____
in the county of _____
Justice of the Peace for the _____ of _____

FORM No. VIII.
THE INEBRIATES ACTS, 1879 TO 1899.

Leave of Absence.

42 and 43 Vict., ch. 19, sect. 12.

I hereby grant leave of absence to
patient at present detained under the provisions of the above Acts, in the Retreat known as _____,

The permission is granted at the request of the Licensee,
and, unless sooner revoked, shall remain in force for a period not exceeding
under the following conditions, viz. :—

- (1.) The said _____ shall abstain entirely
from drinking intoxicating liquors.
(2.) The said _____ shall reside with _____

who undertakes to be responsible for the patient, and communicate immediately with the Licensee
of the Retreat should he (or she) escape or refuse to be restrained from drinking intoxicating
liquors.

- (3.) On notice of revocation of this Leave of Absence the said _____
shall forthwith return to the Retreat.

Dated this _____ day of _____
Justice of the Peace for the _____ of _____

* As "Habitual Drunkard" (or Inebriate) is defined in the Act of 1879 as meaning a person who is by reason of
habitual intemperate drinking of intoxicating liquor at times dangerous to himself or herself or to others, or incapable of
managing himself or herself and his or her affairs. The Lord Lieutenant is advised that "intoxicating liquor" may
include liquors other than alcohol, if their habitual intemperate use brings the consumer into the condition of an
"Habitual Drunkard."

APPENDIX C.

EXTRACT FROM THE PUBLISHED REPORT OF THE MANAGING
COMMITTEE OF THE LODGE RETREAT.

YEAR ENDING 1ST MAY, 1905.

Almost three years have gone since, on 1st Jan'y, 1903, we received our first patient into the Home, which, after much self-denying effort to raise the necessary funds to enable us to do so, we opened with earnest prayer that we might be guided aright in our efforts to help those sisters wishing to be lifted out of the slavery of the drink habit. Since then thirty-eight patients have entered "The Lodge," eight of whom have been ladies. During the past year we received twelve, and have at present under our care nine. Being licensed for fifteen patients gives us an opportunity of receiving more, and we hope the vacancies will soon be filled.

We have great cause for thankfulness that under God's blessing we have been enabled to help so many, and that out of the thirty-eight we can point to a goodly number who are doing well since their return to their own homes. The following extracts from letters received by our matron, Miss Clarke, will be interesting:—

A lady writes—"I shall always feel that everybody who needs to go to The Lodge should stay at least one year. Thank God I am strong and well. I got a most severe cold and a touch of fever about a fortnight ago, and I was strongly advised to take stimulants—whiskey or brandy, that being the only so-called cure; and I am sure you will rejoice to know that I was strong, and gave a very firm 'No' for my answer."

Another patient writes—"I am very glad I ever went to The Lodge, there is such a change on my husband and myself. It's like another world since I came back."

Yet another writes—"No one can understand what the temptation is to those who are slaves to strong drink; it is something terrible; one would sell one's soul to get it if possible; it is beyond explanation. May God ever bless and strengthen you in your noble work is the earnest prayer of one whom you helped to save."

And still another—"I know you will be glad to know I am going along even as you would wish me. What good work has and is being done in that peaceful Home! I was saying to a friend the other day what a blessed undertaking it had been. God bless you, and may He give you the strength to go on doing good and helping those who are stumbling along. After what I know I believe anyone can be cured of the sin of drink, but it is only through prayer and the kindly encouragement we get at The Lodge."

The Committee would like it made known more widely than it is at present, that our Home is open to receive both ladies and working-class women, our fees ranging from 5s. to £3 2s. per week; and that when once a woman has signed before a magistrate that she is willing to become a patient, she is obliged to remain for the period for which she has signed; the shortest term for which patients are received being six months.

Our sincere thanks are due to Dr. Leslie, who gives his services so readily, and to the various ministers of the different denominations who hold weekly religious services with the inmates.

The following extract from a daily paper and the reply which, as your Secretary I felt obliged to give, will, I think, be interesting to all friends of our Inebriate Home.

To the Editor of the *Belfast News-Letter*.

SIR,—In a paragraph of your issue of to-day, Justice Wills, in charging the Grand Jury at Liverpool Assizes, is reported to have said that "all the information which he and his brother judges had been able to gather was that they (inebriate homes) were perfectly useless—as useless a piece of sentimental legislation as ever was passed." This is a most sweeping assertion, and certainly not tending to popularize the movement in favour of the establishment of such homes. Of course, I am not aware what homes have come under the notice of the judges, nor do I know how these institutions are conducted; but I am in a position to give an emphatic contradiction to the severe condemnation of Justice Wills, so far as the success of the home established three years ago by the Irish Women's Temperance Union is concerned. This home, which is under the care of the Belfast Branch, has not only been very successful, but has been the means, under Divine blessing, of restoring an encouraging proportion of the patients (thirty-eight received since the home was opened) to their families and friends. The matron is constantly receiving letters not only from former patients, but also from their relatives, testifying to the beneficial results of their stay with us. Of course, we cannot make these public, nor do we ever give the names of patients, feeling it would be unwise to brand their future life, but the following is a fair sample of many. It was written more than nine months after the patient (a lady) left the home, and she is still doing well in a very responsible position: "I am thankful to say my sister whom, as a last resource, I entrusted to the care of the home for six months, is fully restored to me, and you need never despair of any case after the result in this one. I had done all I possibly could for her, and had given her up as absolutely hopeless." Our home is licensed and under Government inspection. Last week the Government Inspector, Sir G. O'Ferrill, whilst going over the home with me, and interviewing the patients, as he frequently does, told me he had not anticipated such gratifying results as he personally knew had taken place amongst some who had been in our care. We do not say every case is hopeful, but we do know our home has filled a great want, and that some women who unfortunately have contracted the drink habit, and find it impossible for various causes to give it up at home, have blessed the day when they were led to the Inebriate Home. We endeavour by moral suasion, loving Christian influence, cheerful surroundings, and by the medical assistance of Dr. Leslie, to help our sisters to break the fetters which, alas! they themselves have forged.

Yours truly,

L. McALERY, *Res. Secretary*.

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